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# Sparklight Honors Military Veterans with Hiring Initiative

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Sparklight's commitment to giving back to the communities it serves and its "Stronger Together" philosophy have made the internet service provider a great fit for former military personnel making a transition to civilian life. In honor of Military Appreciation Month, the internet service provider has increased its efforts to recruit veterans into its growing workforce.

Long-time Technical Operations Manager in Norfolk, Nebraska and 18-year Army veteran John Hanzlik served both reserve and active duty service throughout his career with Sparklight and said during this time the company was supportive and very accommodating to him and his family.

"Sparklight has offered me the ability to provide for my family since my early twenties," Hanzlik said. "It has helped show my children how to work hard while serving my country and my community. They watched how Sparklight supported not only myself but my family through the years during and after my service in the U.S. Army. I would recommend working for Sparklight to fellow veterans, as the company will support and encourage your progress and desire to grow in your career."

Dennis Sasser served in the U.S. Army for 22 years as a multi-channel communications equipment operator working on installations and troubleshooting, a skill which he continues to use as a System Technician in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Shane McNaughton, an Advance Technician in Sioux City, Iowa, served eight years in the Iowa Army National Guard as an E4 specialist before joining Sparklight 24 years ago.

“My military training has helped me with adaptability, determination, discipline, organization, structure, and working as a member of a team to accomplish our goals - all of which has helped me succeed here at Sparklight,” McNaughton said. “Sparklight is a great company to work for. We have awesome comradery and the company just has outstanding people to work with.”

Sparklight and its associated brands have made a concerted effort to increase veteran hiring by partnering with Veteran Readiness & Employment and Wounded Warrior Project, as well as participating in Hire Heroes virtual career fairs for veterans and their family members. The company also offers referral incentives to associates, which are increased for veteran referrals during the month of May in honor of Military Appreciation Month.

“We are grateful for the enormous contributions and sacrifices our veteran associates have made through their military service and value the diverse, meaningful paths they engage in at Sparklight,” said Peter Witty, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary who served as an officer and helicopter pilot in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. “Because of them, we’re stronger together in our mission of connecting our customers and communities to what matters most.”

Sparklight currently has more than 170 open positions throughout the markets it serves. Learn more and apply at <https://www.sparklight.com/about/careers>.

## About Sparklight

Sparklight® is a leading broadband communications provider and part of the Cable One family of brands, which serves more than 1.1 million residential and business customers in 24 states. Sparklight provides consumers with a wide array of connectivity and entertainment services, including high-speed internet and advanced Wi-Fi solutions, cable television and phone service. Sparklight Business provides scalable and cost-effective products for businesses ranging in size from small to mid-market, in addition to enterprise, wholesale and carrier customers.

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### Flags to Fly at Half Staff

A Proclamation on Honoring the Victims  
of the Tragedy in San Jose, California

As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on May 26, 2021, in San Jose, California, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, May 30, 2021. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

PRESIDENT

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

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**100-Mile Yard Sale kicks off this week; drivers urged to use caution**

Visitors and residents will be out in full force along Route 25 Memorial Day weekend in search of bargains at the 100-Mile Yard Sale, but MoDOT wants you to remember the

greatest savings of the event could be a life.

“It’s a fun weekend that people look forward to each year,” says Traffic Engineer Craig Compas, “but we want people to remember that there’s more traffic and more congestion along Route 25 this weekend than any other and drivers need to keep that in mind.”

MoDOT will do its part to bring the safety message to the forefront. Message boards will be in place along the route to alert drivers of the unusual traffic patterns and promote safe driving.

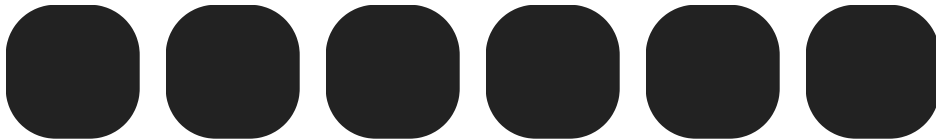
“We really want drivers to be alert—to be aware of their surroundings, to be aware of sudden stops and to look for pedestrian traffic,” Compas says. “Additionally, there is an increase in traffic, including large truck traffic, between the City of Jackson and the Route AB in Cape Girardeau County due to the Diverging Diamond Interchange construction. While we want everyone to enjoy themselves, we ask that people also be as safe as possible.”

For more information, contact Compas at (573) 472-5310 or call MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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## Route FF in Stoddard County Closed for Culvert Replacement

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### Route FF in Stoddard County Closed for Culvert Replacement

Route FF in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace a culvert under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located between Route 60 and County Road 554.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, May 26 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

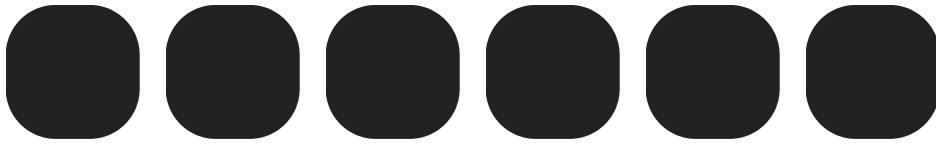
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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In the thirty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri Administrative Order

Covid-19 Operational Directives: Phase Four, Effective May 20, 2021

Beginning May 21, 2021, all Circuit, Associate Circuit and Municipal divisions of the Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit will begin operations subject to Phase Four operational directives set out in this Administrative Order. These operational directives will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Phase four operational directives must remain in effect until further order of the Missouri Supreme Court and they may be extended if the incidence of COVID-19 significantly increases above the current relatively low level. In the event of dangerous increase in the

incidence of COVID-19, the Court may revert to lower Phase Zero or order a complete closure of the Court. Different phases may be applied to different counties or different municipal divisions as circumstances warrant.

The Court will continue to apply the operational directives that have been in place. It is ORDERED that:

1. No person exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who has been exposed to a person exhibiting those symptoms may enter a court facility.
2. The use of face masks by litigants and staff if required. The Court has masks to distribute if needed. The face masks or covering requirement can be modified for good cause shown in a particular proceeding, such as when a witness is testifying.
3. Only litigants, witnesses and attorneys will be admitted inside the building. Family members and supporters must remain outside.. If a litigant believes that he or she cannot proceed without support, the litigant should contact his or her attorney and request a continuance. The press will be admitted upon reasonable request.
4. Everyone will exercise social distancing.
5. Court personnel will work a full-time schedule, with exceptions to be allowed for vulnerable court personnel.
6. All facilities will be cleaned no less than twice a day and everyone will practice good handwashing and protective hygiene. Furthermore, hand sanitizer will be made available and encouraged to be used frequently throughout the day.
7. In-person court proceedings have resumed and will continue to be conducted including grand and petit jury proceedings and will be in compliance with social distancing protocols and occupancy rate limitations applicable to the local community and comply with Supreme Court Operational Directives on Jury Proceedings.
8. Matters involving vulnerable individuals \*\* may be taken up by video conferencing where possible and, where that is not possible, continuances shall be granted liberally.
9. A copy of this order shall be posted at every public entrance to each court facility.

THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 21, 2021



Robert N. Mayer, Circuit Judge

\*\* Vulnerable individuals are defined by the CDC as individuals 65 years or older or individuals with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including those who suffer from chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immune disorders, obesity or chronic kidney or liver disease.

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